

**THE COMET.**  
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We are authorized and requested to announce Mr. W. H. HICKS as a candidate for Sheriff of Sullivan County, Election August next.

We are authorized to announce GEORGE R. DUNCAN as a candidate to represent Washington County in the next General Assembly of the State of Tennessee.

Mr. I. A. Nickels, of Bristol, was in Johnson City this week.

Mr. T. A. Faw, and his son, Walter, returned from a visit to Tate Springs Wednesday.

Nelie Ellis, of color, lost his wife last week and John Pendleton's girl, Mary Jane, also died on Friday last.

The carpenters say, "buy Old Dominion nails of HUNT & LIDE."

Mr. John L. Summers a graduate of Emory and Henry College, Va., this year, came home last week.

Mother Hubbard dresses and bonnets are all the rage among the fair sex of Johnson City again this summer.

Capt. W. J. Barton, a popular and efficient conductor on the E. T. V. & G. R. R., is spending a few weeks at home.

All sizes of Old Dominion nails at HUNT & LIDE'S.

Mrs. G. Alex Anderson, and Miss Mollie Anderson, of Buffalo, returned home after a pleasant trip to Georgia on Tuesday last.

Mr. Scott, of Union, has opened a grocery store in J. F. Crumley's old stand. Competition is the life of trade. Printer's ink is the life of business.

Prof. T. P. Summers of the Asheville Female College, accompanied by his daughter Miss Carrie, and master Jimmie, have returned home for the vacation.

Miss Rida Jourmon, of Knoxville, passed through Johnson City last Monday on her way to Bakersville, N. C., to visit her many friends. She will likely remain all summer.

200 buckets Mammar's mixed paints ready for use, and guaranteed at HUNT & LIDE'S.

Willie, son of Jas. Fagin, of Buffalo, was badly hurt on Monday last, by a rail that fell on his head. Dr. Miller was called, and at last accounts, Willie was better.

Both our editors left for Nashville Monday night to attend the Democratic Convention, they left their wives at home, as they said they were going for pleasure this time.

When we sell you goods on 30 days we don't mean 6 months. Call at once and settle, without further notice.

Your friend,  
J. W. CRUMLEY.

The Hon. A. A. Taylor's little son, Johnnie, who has been very sick for several weeks, and not expected to live, we heard died last Thursday night and will be buried at Esq. John Andersons on Buffalo to-day.

THE COMET acknowledges the receipt of an invitation from the Sappho Literary Society of Stoneval Jackson Institute, Abington, Va., to their annual celebration on Monday, June 23.

14 pounds of Sugar for one dollar at HUNT & LIDE'S.

Mr. Rogan Briscoe, the popular representative, for Tennessee, of the well known wholesale clothing house of J. T. McTeer & Co., Knoxville, Tenn., made THE COMET a pleasant call last Thursday.

Mr. Henry Jesse has opened an ice cream saloon in Mrs. Nettleton's old stand. He will keep all flavors of cream constantly on hand. Our girls never say no when it comes to ice cream. Try 'em boys.

Mr. A. S. McNeil and Mr. Fields, of the Bristol division of Sons of Temperance, were in town last Wednesday, perfecting arrangements for the picnic here on the fourth of July, they made THE COMET a very pleasant call.

Molasses and Syrup, Syrup and Molasses, cheap.  
HUNT & LIDE.

Dr. S. H. Toy, M. D., late of the town of Robards, State of Kentucky and a prominent physician of that place, is in town viewing the city and expects to become a citizen and engage in the active practice of his profession at this point.

The rising generation of Johnson City have been made happy during the last week by free shows, first the two bears were on parade, and then the climax was capped by the flying jenny, whose tent was pitched near Jobe's spring, and did a thriving business.

Some of the finest heads of wheat we ever saw, were sent to THE COMET office from California, by Dow Taylor, who went to the golden land from Carter county, ten years ago. The heads are eight inches long and filled five in a bushel. Five acres of such wheat would be enough for a common man, it seems to us. Mr. Taylor has prospered in his Western home, still we hope once again to see him, if only on a visit to the hill of East Tennessee.

Owing to want of space several communications are laid over until next week.

J. F. Crumley has removed his stock of groceries to Hart Bros., old stand. Jim is a wide awake young man, and has established a good trade.

Miss Annie B. Neil, of Kingsport, Tenn., spent last Wednesday night in Johnson City on her way to Elizabethton to visit Miss Minnie Tomcay.

Get the best nails, Old Dominion. HUNT & LIDE.

There will be a temperance meeting at the Baptist church, next Sunday at 2:30 p. m. Jos. R. Anderson, of Bristol, will be present, among others. All invited.

The Republicans of the 9th district of Washington co., are hereby notified to meet at Science Hill Institute on Wednesday night, the 25th of June for the purpose of organizing a Blaine and Logan club for the coming campaign.

Oil, Glass, and Pure White Lead. HUNT & LIDE.

With sorrow we announce the death on Tuesday last of Mrs. H. J. Kilby, of our town, after several weeks sickness. She leaves a kind husband, and seven children, one a baby a few days old, we extend THE COMET's warmest sympathy to the stricken husband and relatives.

Chas. K. Lide the kindest hearted merchant that ever stepped behind a counter, never forgets the editors. He made the Taylor of THE COMET a handsome present this week and we shall always hold him in sweet remembrance for favors received time and again.

Best brands Cross Cut Saws. HUNT & LIDE.

We direct attention to the advertisement of the Banner House, Elk Park, N. C., it is now open for summer visitors. The magnificent mountain scenery, and the attractions of speckled trout which abound in the neighboring streams, make Elk Park a pleasant place to rusticate from the din and heat of business. For terms address the Proprietor.

Mr. A. E. Deaderick and his charming lady spent last Thursday night in Johnson City, on their way to Elizabethton, where Mrs. Deaderick will remain all summer. Eugene is the able representative of J. T. McTeer & Co., Knoxville, Tenn., in Virginia, and is too valuable to be allowed much rest. He says they have put another story on their large store and are now doing a strictly wholesale business.

See our good Rio Coffee. 7 pounds for \$1.00. HUNT & LIDE.

Miss Bonnie Hoss and Miss Carrie Gentry graced our sanctum with their presence on last Monday. These young ladies are marvelously gifted with woman's grand endowment—tongue. Were my pen a quill from the pinion of the loftiest seraph that burns in gleaming glory, and dipped in the refulgent radiance of the rainbow's fountain, it would be impossible to describe our joy at their visit.

Good stock of Tobacco. HUNT & LIDE.

There will be a grand temperance picnic in Johnson City on the fourth of July, the Bristol, Blountville, Jonesboro and Limestone divisions of Sons of Temperance, and perhaps others, will be in attendance, with several bands of music. There will be temperance speeches by the state lecturer and other noted orators, during the day, and at night the Johnson City division will give a concert for the benefit of their order. The cause of temperance is a grand work, let everybody, that can, come, we are anticipating a glorious time.

150 kegs of Old Dominion nails at HUNT & LIDE'S.

McNeil & Wolfe, the reliable furniture dealers, have been receiving more new goods, they now have the largest stock of furniture between Lynchburg and Knoxville. Their stock of bed springs and mattresses is very large. They offer special inducements on the Challenge Spring, it is the best we ever saw. Their stock of linoleum, oil cloth and matting, is unusually large, all widths and styles. If you want to enjoy a treat just step into their large storerooms and be shown through their elegant stock of Parlor and Bedroom suits, etc., etc., by the politest of salesmen, Mr. E. S. Wolfe.

Mr. Will Harr, successor to the old reliable firm of Harr Bros., has removed his large stock of dry goods and notions to the Jobe block on the corner of Church and Spring streets. He has the largest and handsomest store room in the city, and has it filled with a choice and select stock of goods which he is selling cheap. Will Harr is too well and favorably known in Johnson City and surrounding country to need any comment from us. He is a live, energetic young man, with extraordinary business qualifications. His motto "fair dealing, the best goods for the least money," has established for him a trade second to none in this place.

Hemlock Framing For Sale. Jobe & Snyder have on their mill yard at Crab Orchard 50,000 feet of hemlock logs from 10 to 24 feet long, even lengths, which they will saw to order and deliver at Johnson City on short notice, by the car load.

The ice cream festival given by the ladies of the Baptist church at Jobe Hall on last Friday night was a grand success, in every particular, about \$50.00 being realized. The gay and elite of our city were there, and all seemed to enjoy it immensely. Among the attractions, and deserving special mention was Miss Hattie Faw's flower stand, loaded with baskets of choice flowers, and beautiful and tastefully arranged button hole bouquets which were in great demand, especially when Miss Hattie, the "fairest flower in a garden of beautiful girls," offered to "pin it on for you."

For Sale.—A splendid farm containing 105 acres, well watered and in good condition, provided with good buildings and in an excellent neighborhood, in the 3d Civil District of Union County adjoining the farms of John Anderson Esq., Wm. Fagan, N. T. Haynes and others, is offered for sale by its owner, P. C. Anderson. A splendid bargain can be had. Inquire of Taylor & Burrow, Johnson City, Tennessee.

In behalf of the management of the Ice Cream entertainment, at Jobe Hall, this city, I ask for sufficient space in your "Blazing Comet" to return the thanks of the ladies and all concerned to the wide awake, and liberal hearted people of our growing city, for the generous patronage so freely and gracefully bestowed. Although held under the immediate auspices of the "Earnest Workers" of the Baptist church, the ladies, and gentlemen, too, of the other denominations as well as those not connected with any church, promptly tendered their services, and heartily co-operated and to them is the success of the enterprise largely and mostly indebted. Results—net proceeds, say, \$50.00, and a most enjoyable social occasion. The young ladies and married ladies, the beauty and fashion of the city were out in full force, and with their graceful bearing and charming addresses of course, there could be but one result—"a grand success," as every body conceded. The tables were presided over most gracefully by those having them in charge, and indeed, every body did well, and every body is hoped and believed went away more than pleased. To a comparative stranger, as the writer is the whole affair was all could be desired and mutually creditable to the management and people of the city. \*\*\*

From Piney Flats. EDITORS COMET. The calm that usually rests on this quiet valley, has again been broken, and pugilistic valor sought on the evening of the 18th inst. An altercation occurred between W. C. Colbaugh, and A. S. Sellers, which resulted in the loss of some blood a skinned nose and slight discoloration about the eyes. Colbaugh was the victor, and H. Ewing Esq. (before whom the case was submitted) became receiver of Mr. C's cash to the amount of \$12.00. It is sad for the community that its citizens cannot settle their differences by milder measures.

Quite an excitement Sabbath afternoon over the arrival of the brown and black bears. They were halted on public square just as the congregation was returning from afternoon service and gave a short bear scene, which was a source of some mirth, perhaps more than was compatible with the day. It was not difficult to decide that in this case bruin was possessed of more refinement than his french masters.

J. M. King is making some improvements on his valuable property at this place. The new portico adds very much to the looks, is well as comfort of his residence. Chas. Barr's little daughter has been dangerously ill for the last week with inflammation of the stomach and bowels, but we are happy to state, she is now improving rapidly, and we trust will soon be well again. Isaac Miller and wife have both been sick but are now showing signs of returning health. Harvest with all its labor and excitement is upon us, and when I look at the vast field of yellow ripening grain spread out in every direction I rejoice to know that my home is in Tennessee, a State that will acknowledge no superior a little way in the future. Corn is growing finely. There is a larger crop of tobacco being set than was ever known in this section before "Colorado bugs" are attacking the potato crop but suit and brimstone seems to be the antidote for them. I don't blame Jim Taylor of Carters Depot, for visiting the Flats, there is such fine water and nice shade at "Oak Well" and nothing can be more agreeable these afternoons. Hastily, SLIM JACK.

While Johnson City can now boast of much enterprise in all kinds of improvements upon private property, her public spirited men should begin to plan for the public works that will be so much in need at an early day. The time has come that the post office should be in a much larger building with a broad platform in front, instead of the little one plank sled-runner thing of the present one. We do not see how our city depots, agents can possibly hold out longer in their present condition. Give us a grand union depot for our roads. Let the tank be moved to the other side of the road track, and give us a 20 foot platform all along from union depot by City Hotel to Main Street.

Our Streets should now demand the best talent of the town in their structure and improvements. The avenues and alleys should be made broad and straight. Let us have less zigzag, and more system in the direction of our streets and walks. A new alley should be opened from Mr. John Hunters residence to the Narrow Gauge Road. The one between Dr. King and Mr. Crumley should have an outlet on Church Street by Mr. Clark's New Store, and then made across to Main Street. That little ugly crook in the Avenue between Mr. Landreth and Ed. Hars should be drawn out of the kinks. And after all these improvements the City should then have an outfit of street lamps beginning along the rail road and extending to the limits of the corporation. Let us have more light upon our streets, and then we will have less use for the "Calaboose" with its carpet of straw.

Although Johnson City has a number of fine natural fountains of water, yet we should begin to consider at what point we shall, in the very near future, locate our public reservoir.

Nothing contributes so much to the comfort and health of a town as its water works.

The business men of our town should at once organize to form a bank. We need it, and must have it.

The CITY ACADEMY needs not be mentioned as it stands upon the hill. A monument of selfishness and ignorance.

X. Y. Z.  
From Bristol.  
BRISTOL, JUNE 18, 1884.

EDITORS COMET.—The commencement bustle and excitement has been succeeded by a strange stillness that is not comfortable. The college buildings, with their closed doors and deserted rooms, stand the very pictures of solitude. Now for three months of intense heat, and almost intolerable dullness. It is not certain that the proposed addition to Sullins College will go up during vacation. If the citizens of Bristol sit idle and allow this golden opportunity to pass, they will never cease to regret it. One first class college is worth more to the culture, intelligence, and wealth of any community, than a dozen tobacco factories. And yet there is a disposition among men of ample means, to keep "eternal vigilance" over their money boxes, and look forward, with anxious sighs, to the happy day when "Northern capitalists" shall come upon the scene, bringing of course, an abundant plenty of shining gold and silver. Those who, at an auspicious moment, are blind to their own interest, may afterwards look back with remorse but can never bring again the possibilities of that occasion. King College is to be repaired, and otherwise improved. A strong effort will be made to increase the number of students, and the facilities for instructing them. By the way, a one hundred page pamphlet containing all the medal speeches delivered at this institution, will be issued here next week. Price per copy, 50 cts. Address A. B. Whiteaker, Saltville, Va., or E. A. Tilly, Bristol, Tenn.

Our building boom has, by no means diminished. Quite a number of handsome residences are going up with more to follow. The Border Fair premium list will soon be out. The management are determined to make a success of their undertaking; the prospects now point to a realization of their hopes.

Two trained bears, with tame keepers have been giving performances on the streets all day. The boys, of course, were delighted.

There is little political agitation here, except speculation as to who will be the coming man at Chicago. Everybody regrets the necessity of Tilden's declination. He is the greatest of living Statesmen, and if there is any serious difficulty in agreeing upon a candidate at the National Convention the old war-horse may yet be forced to run and win the victory.

Several months ago I wrote you a letter, directing it plainly to Johnson City. A week or so since the Post Master here turned the letter over to me. It had been re-directed by some P. O. official to Columbia Tenn., there it was advertised, and remaining uncalled for, was sent to the dead letter office at Washington. No signature being attached, it was returned to the Bristol P. M. for identification. The letter was not of momentous importance, but ought to have been delivered "allice same." Truly this is an age of progress.

The sons of Temperance have decided to have pic nic at Johnson City on the 4th of July. Other divisions along the line of railroad will be invited to participate.

Mr. Joseph W. Diawiddle, of the N. & W. R. R., and Miss Bertha Smithson, of Bristol, were married last night at Glade Springs, Va. The happy couple took the train, for Salem, but will I presume return to Bristol in a short time. The bride is certainly one of the fairest and best of Bristol's beautiful and good, and the groom may well congratulate himself upon the prize he has won. May they "live long and prosper."

The cry is now for "water." A refreshing rain is needed badly, and unless it comes soon, considerable damage will result. To-day has been hot and sultry. The wheat prospect is better than it has been for years.

I dread the heat of this summer, Don't you?

ASA.  
BEEH REES!  
I am prepared to furnish pure Italian Bees and Queens from improved mothers, on short notice. I am agent and manufacturer for Washington county of the Diehl Improved Bee Hive, the best hive now in use, and also the Austin make, the best in use. I offer a special premium for honey made on these hives of \$10.00, to be paid at the fair this year. For particulars address or call on me at my home soon. H. C. AUSTIN.  
Austin Springs, Tenn.

Never Give Up.  
If you are suffering with low and depressed spirits, loss of appetite, general debility, disordered blood, weak constitution, headache, or any disease of a bilious nature, by all means procure a bottle of Electric Bitters. You will be surprised to see the rapid improvement that will follow; you will be inspired with new life; strength and activity will return; pain and misery will cease, and henceforth you will rejoice in the praise of Electric Bitters. Sold at fifty cents a bottle by Dr. J. B. Hash & Son.

**EAST TENNESSEE, VIRGINIA & GEORGIA RAILROAD TIME TABLE.**  
In Effect May 25th, 1884.  
(Central Standard Time.)

EASTWARD.		Daily No. 2.	Daily No. 4.
Chattanooga		7.18 am	7.40 pm
Cleveland		8.50 am	8.12 pm
Harleson		9.16 am	9.27 pm
Thomson		9.53 am	10.00 pm
London		10.21 am	10.28 pm
Coeymans		10.47 am	10.51 pm
Coxville		11.47 am	11.55 pm
Coxville		11.57 pm	12.05 am
Louisville		1.39 pm	1.35 am
Coxville		2.16 pm	2.07 am
Greenville		3.02 pm	2.47 am
Onestogo		3.53 pm	3.59 am
Johnson's		4.10 pm	3.56 am
Cristol		5.00 pm	4.47 am